326 Rec'd PO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER FORM PTO-1390 713-428 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 28 July 1998 (28.07.98) 28 July 1999 (28.07.99) PCT/IT99/00248 TITLE OF INVENTION BOARD-MOUNTED ELECTRONIC DEVICE, IN PARTICULAR AN ELECTRONIC GAS LIGHTER, INCLUDING MEANS FOR FAST CONNECTION OF INSULATED EDECTRIC WIRES TO AN ELECTRIC CIRCUIT ON THE BOARD APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US JAN 2 9 2001 Massimo ALEARDI and Raoul BIACHI Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until 3. the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) c. A English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. is attached hereto has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 371 (c)(2) b. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. b. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. c. d. have not been made and will not be made. A English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). A English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A FIRST preliminary amendment. П A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. A substitute specification. 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825 17. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 18. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) П 20. Other items or information. PCT/IPEA/416 - International Preliminary Examination Report PCT/ISA/220 & 210 - International Search Report

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER U.S. APPLIC. NO. (if known, see 37 CER 1.5) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. 713-428 PCT/IT99/00248 PTO USE ONLY CALCULATIONS 21. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not \$1000.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO and JPO \$ 860.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but \$ 710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all \$ 690.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) And all \$ 100.00 claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)..... 860.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than \,\Bigsig 20 0.00 \$ months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA **RATE** CLAIMS X \$18.00 \$ 0.00 Total Claims 5 -20 =X \$78.00 \$ 0.00 Independent Claims -3 =+ \$260.00 \$ 0.00 Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) 860.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are S 0.00 reduced by 1/2. SUBTOTAL = \$ 0.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the \square 20 \square 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). 0.00 \$ 0.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be 0.00 accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property \$ TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 860.00 Amount to be: refunded charged a. 🔲 A check in the amount of \$ XXX.XX to cover the above fees is enclosed. Please charge my Deposit Account No. XXX in the amount of \$ XXX to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is b. 🗖 enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit c. 🗵 Account No. 07-1337. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Fees are to be charged to a credit card WARNING: information on this form may be public. Credit card information should not c. 🗵 be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Benjamin J. Hauptman SIGNATURE LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP Benjamin J. Hauptman 1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310 Alexandria, VA 22314 29,310 REGISTRATION NUMBER (703) 684-1111